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Tops in Blue

Photo by Mysti Bicoy

Tops in Blue perform around an audience member during their show Wednesday at Hickam. Tops in Blue also sang Christmas carols at the base exchange Thursday afternoon.

Be a good Wingman this holiday season

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

Team Hickam, as we enter the holiday season, I want to thank each of you for your service to our Air Force and our nation in 2004. In this busy year, Airmen of the 15th Airlift Wing have played an important role in maintaining peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world!

The holidays are a time to be with fam-

ily and friends and to enjoy the good cheer of the season. However, not all of our Airmen are fortunate to be at home this holiday season. We all know someone who is deployed on freedom's frontier, serving to bring liberty and freedom to Iraq or Afghanistan and to bring to justice those who would do us harm. Please continue keeping those Airmen in your thoughts and prayers – sending them cards, notes and gift boxes, or looking out for their families while they're away.

The same goes with those young Airmen at Hickam who may be away from their homes for the first time this holiday season. Please continue to be good Wingman to them as well. Include them in activities and ensure that they're okay.

To all members of Team Hickam, Lynda and I wish you and your families a blessed and safe holiday season. May God continue to guide and guard you and may the New Year bring you and those you love joy, peace and happiness.

Air Force leaders send holiday message

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

“In this special holiday season we offer our sincere best wishes to our Air Force family -- our Total Force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians, as well as your families who support your remarkable commitment to protect freedom and defend the United States.

“You are the most important part of the world’s greatest air and space

force -- the heart and soul of our combat capability, and the bedrock of what makes this nation great.

“For those deployed, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we are enormously proud of the work you’re doing. In Afghanistan and Iraq, you continue to fight terrorism while helping courageous people find the path to stability and self-governance. For those of you who serve in the United States, you defend our Republic to keep Americans safe.

“At home and abroad, you give our

nation priceless gifts through your service -- our cherished freedoms and the opportunity to live in peace.

“This is an extraordinary time to be an American and to serve in America’s Air Force. We thank each of you and your families for your incomparable commitment. Wherever you may be this season, we encourage you to pause and reflect on your faith, your family, and your friends.

“We’re honored to serve with you. We wish each of you a happy holiday season and blessings for a prosperous new year!”

Hickam Airman wins tickets to Super Bowl

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

Senior Airman Rich Jordan, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, entered the Tradewinds Enlisted Club manager’s office for what he was told was a tongue lashing about a delinquent club bill.

Instead, it was a cleverly-concocted cover up to receive one of the grand prizes in the Air Force-wide Football Frenzy promotion.

Airman Jordan was awarded a set of round-trip tickets to Jacksonville, Fla., tickets to Superbowl XXIX, hotel and rental car accommodations and tickets to local attractions.

Though he spent the previous evening worried sick about his club bill, even making another payment on-line, the frustration of the events leading up to his prize notification were well worth it.

“The club made one of my childhood dreams come true,” Airman Jordan said. “I am at the club pretty much every Sunday and Monday watching football – the enlisted club is an excellent place for base members to come together, relax and enjoy themselves.”

The key to his success was simple, he said. “I played football frenzy, I won and I’m going to the Superbowl.”



Photo by Jerry Banks

Cindy Bernier, Tradewinds Enlisted Club manager, presented Senior Airman Rich Jordan, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, with the prize he won as part of the Football Frenzy promotion.

This is just the most recent example of Hickam members, and RSS personnel specifically, reaping the rewards of using 15th Services Squadron programs, according to Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood, 15th SVS commander.

“RSS is one of the club’s biggest supporters and I’m happy to say their patronage

has paid great dividends for their club members,” Colonel Hollywood said. “Another RSS member received a \$2,000 cash prize a few weeks ago during the PACAF Pentathlon program.”

For more information about the football frenzy and other club programs, contact the Tradewinds Enlisted Club at 449-1292.

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Hickam ALS class 05-A graduates

By Senior Master Sgt. Tammy Whitney-Rush

Professional Military Education Center
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The Hickam Airman Leadership School Class 05-A graduated Monday.

Senior Airman Scott Farmer, 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Senior Airman Sarah Lucio, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Senior Airman James Garofalo, 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the Leadership Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Other Distinguished Graduates included Senior Airman Joshua Thomas, 15th Contracting Squadron, Senior Airman Valerie Rimmer, 324th Intelligence Squadron, and Senior Airman Bradley Dillon, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific.

During the class, the students helped out at the Airman's Attic, assisted the Pre-teens Torch Club with their food booth at the Freedom Tower Lighting Ceremony, and initiated an environmental cleanup effort at Bellow Air Force Station. They also donated new household necessities to several Salvation Army Lokahi Tree families.

Other graduates of ALS Class 05-A are:

15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Senior Airman Cherry Castaneda

Senior Airman Rosalinda Campos

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Wesley Clark

15th Civil Engineer Squadron

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Senior Airman Rose Schiano

15th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Lisa O'Brien

Senior Airman Sherri Knotts

15th Security Forces Squadron

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Senior Airman Elain Crandall

Senior Airman David Perricone

17th Operations Weather Squadron

Senior Airman Veronica Bird

Senior Airman Jeremy Coleman

Senior Airman Jillian Jaykoski

26th Air and Space Intelligence Squadron

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324th Intelligence Squadron

Senior Airman Jennifer Mustain

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Senior Airman Aaron Duffey

Senior Airman Eddalene DeSears

Senior Airman Kevin Ngo

Senior Airman Laura Dryden

352nd Information Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Rhonda Howard-Rayno

502nd Air Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Andrew Butler

56th Air and Space Communication Squadron

Senior Airman Andrew Zwernemann

Senior Airman Rufino Garza

Senior Airman Kira Dasinger

735th Air Mobility Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher Boler

Senior Airman David Albanese

Senior Airman Robert Turner

Senior Airman Timothy Harrington

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Senior Airman Christopher Keil

Senior Airman Nicole Paaluhi

Det. 1, 15th Mission Support Group

Senior Airman Johnny Rivera

Pacific Air Forces

Senior Airman Michael Hujsa

Senior Airman Jason Bobinger

Senior Airman Aliah Griffin

Senior Airman Eugene Ibalio

Senior Airman Xaviera Coleman-Washington

Staff Sgt. Jason Gray

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Senior Airman Katrina Powe

Hickam 5/6 names 2005 executive council

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TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Repatriation ceremony – A repatriation ceremony is today at 9 a.m. outside the 15th Airlift Wing Base Operations Building. Remains believed to be associated with missing Americans from World War II and the Vietnam War will be honored during the ceremony.

A joint honor guard will memorialize the arrival of the remains. Following the arrival ceremony, the remains will be transported to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's Central Identification Laboratory where the forensic identification process begins.

JPAC teams recovered the remains from Burma, Laos and Papua New Guinea.

Today, there is one American still missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II.

AAFES Specials – The Hickam Base Exchange and BXtra have several specials planned for the last few days of shopping. A Manager's Madness Sale is Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Enter to win a \$100 gift card. There will also be a free toy drawing. Musician Bob Westerman will perform Dec. 22 and will be signing "Hawaiian Christmas" in the Bookmart. Dec. 24 will bring Santa's Last Call Sale for those last minute purchases.

Road modification on Freedom Avenue – The Freedom Avenue/Mercury Street intersection will be modified Monday. Vehicles traveling on Freedom Avenue will

no longer be required to stop. Pedestrians are encouraged to exercise normal caution when crossing Freedom Ave. near Mercury St. Cautionary signs will be posted and the blinking beacon will be changed from red to yellow. For more information, call 448-4440.

Blood drive – A blood drive is scheduled for Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Community Center. For more information or to reserve a time, contact Staff Sgt. Kevin Gilliss at 449-0540 or kevin.gilliss@hickam.af.mil.

Airmen's attic – The Hickam Airmen's Attic is closed from Dec. 24 until Jan. 5 for remodeling and painting.

They are seeking volunteers to help during this time and are expecting to start the project Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except New Years Eve/Day.

The attic is also seeking a new manager (great hours, \$150 child care provided, and the benefits of helping out young troops).

The Airmen's Attic serves Airmen E-5 and below every Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All enlisted day is the first Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some new things planned for 2005 include:

All enlisted day twice a month; calendar of attic events; new comment cards; new executive committee; volunteer as a group. For more information or to volunteer, contact Master Sgt. Jennifer Anderson by email or call the attic at 449-5677. Also, visit <http://www.orgsites.com/hi/hicak-mamnattic/>.

Sheraton Hawaii Bowl free tickets – All active-duty and Hawaii National Guard personnel can get complimentary tickets from ESPN and the Sheraton Hotel for the 2004 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

Any active-duty and Hawaii National Guard personnel can go to Aloha Stadium on Dec. 24th show their current military I.D. card and receive a complimentary ticket to the bowl game.

In addition, their spouse and children above 12 years old may also show their military I.D., along with the member and each get a complimentary ticket.

Children under 12 years old who are present, but do not have to have a military I.D., will also receive a complimentary ticket, but they will have to be

accompanied by the military member.

This offer is only good on game day, while ticket supplies last.

The parking lot opens at 10 a.m. Dec. 24 and the ticket office is tentatively scheduled to open at 11 a.m. It's strongly suggested that any military members that wish to take advantage of this offer arrive at the Aloha Stadium ticket office as early as possible. For more information call the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl office at 523-3688.

Holiday safety – During this busy holiday season, everyone should place more emphasis on fire safety. If you have a live Christmas tree, be sure to maintain the moisture content. A dry tree prevents a very serious fire hazard. Purchase Christmas lights that have been checked for safety. Look for the UL or FM label attached to the lights. Be careful to not block exits when rearranging furniture to accommodate your tree or other decorations.

Commissioning briefing – The Education Office will be conducting a briefing Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. on the following Air Force Officer commissioning programs: Air Force Academy, AECP, ASCP, POC-ERP, SOAR, and OTS. To sign up for Commissioning 101 call 449-6363.

Lunchtime class – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering ASCI 300 – Satellite and Spacecraft Systems during lunchtime hours Tuesdays from Jan. 10 to March 23. For more information on Embry-Riddle degree programs and the Winter Term schedule, visit Chris Infelise, ERAU Associate Center Director, in Room 117 at the Hickam Education Center or call her at 422-0835.

MRI down – Tripler Army Medical Center's Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine is being upgraded. The current MRI capability is scheduled to shut down Dec. 26 and be back online Jan. 5 to accommodate the new installation.

Patients needing MRIs will receive consultations to have MRIs through the TriWest Network on a case-by-case basis by their providers. For more information, contact the radiology department at 433-2970/2967.

At the Movies

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.

Saw – Obsessed with teaching his victims the value of life, a deranged, sadistic serial killer is abducting morally wayward people and forcing them to play horrific games for their own survival. Faced with impossible choices, each victim must struggle to win back his/her life, or else die trying. Starring Leigh Whannell, Cary Elwes. Rated R (strong grisly violence and language)

Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.

The Polar Express – Believing in Santa Claus isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. But a young boy's faith is rewarded on Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train whose conductor pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole to meet Santa. Animated Rated G.



Santa visits

Photo by 2nd Lt. Stephen Jeffers

Santa stopped by to visit with children during the Headstart Children’s Christmas Party Wednesday for Oahu Headstart children. The 15th Mission Support Group hosted about 100 four and five year olds from Oahu schools. The children enjoyed a magic show, games, lunch and each child received a gift from Santa.

Atterbury Circle
opens Wednesday

Atterbury Circle is scheduled to open Wednesday morning.

People driving through the circle should exercise caution the first few weeks as the base populace gets used to this new traffic fixture.

Here are a few tips and rules of the road:

- All vehicles entering the traf-
fic circle must yield to vehicles
already travelling in the circle.
- The speed limit in the traffic
circle is 25 miles per hour.
- Obey all signage and mark-
ings.

For more information, contact
Dennis Yee at 448-4440.

Chapel Holiday Schedule
Catholic

All activities in Chapel Center

Children’s massDec. 24, 5 p.m.
Midnight massDec. 24 at midnight
Christmas Day mass Dec. 25 at 9 a.m.
Feast of Mary Mother of GodJan. 1 at 10 a.m.
Weekend Catholic masses continue as normally scheduled.

Protestant

All activities in Nelles Chapel

Children’s Christmas programDec. 24, 5 p.m.
Christmas CantataDec. 24, 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight ServiceDec. 24, 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chapel Center at 449-1754.



Officer's Club Lanai closed Jan. 10 for renovations

The Hickam Officer's Club lanai will be closed beginning Jan. 10 for renovations. This will affect Thursday Mongolian barbecue as well as Wednesday's Game Nights. Wright Bros. Cafe and Grille will be open for dinner on Thursday and the Enlisted Club will accommodate Game Night participants on Wednesdays, according to James Wolfe, acting Club manager. Stay tuned for updates.

Win a chance to go to Super Bowl XXXIX

The Air Force's annual pro football promotion, "Football Frenzy" is going strong at the Hickam Enlisted Club with great instant prizes available as well as chances to win NFL game tickets including the Super Bowl. Dec. 20 New England travels to Miami for a key AFC contest. You can see the game live at 4 p.m. at the enlisted club or watch the replay later. Either way, you have a chance to win big.

The club is also hosting "NFL Live!" each Sunday morning featuring all the top NFL matchups of the week. This week watch such great games as Seattle at N.Y. Jets, Dallas at Philadelphia and Denver at Kansas City. Club members and their spouses get a free breakfast. Join Hickam's NFL fans for an awesome football marathon each Sunday.

Notice from Hickam Clubs

Aloha Club members,

Your generous support in the form of club dues enables us to continue the proud traditions of Air Force Clubs. We ask for your continued support as we raise fees this coming January to cover costs associated with recent facility renovations, cost of living wage increases and supply increases. Your club stands ready to serve, ready to be a good steward of your membership dues and ready to be proactive in delivering the products and programs you desire.

Hickam Officer's Club	Current price	Increased rate
Active duty/retirees	\$18	\$20
Retirees over 65	\$8	\$9
Hickam Enlisted Club		
Active duty/retirees	\$10	\$12
Retirees over \$65	\$5	\$6

Changes to be made at Sea Breeze

Renovations at the Sea Breeze Restaurant are scheduled to begin Monday. Both the restaurant and the Sand Bar and Grill will be closed during construction with a scheduled re-opening date of Jan. 10. Management apologized for any inconvenience.

Ring in 2005 at the Club's Gala New Year's Eve Parties

The Hickam Clubs have planned outstanding New Year's Eve parties to help bring in 2005 with a bang and you're invited to be apart of the explosion. The enlisted club has both a special dinner and dance party planned. The gourmet dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and your choices are sauteed shrimp and scallops, chicken flourentine and grilled tenderloin of beef with all the trimmings including bananas foster for dessert. The dance party begins at 8:30 p.m. with party favors, champagne, entertainment and your first breakfast of 2005.

The officer's club party includes dinner and breakfast buffets, party favors, champagne and music by danny Hee and his "Oldies but Goldies". Dinner choices include Prime Rib, Almond Crusted Oapakapaka and Chicken Marsala. Tickets are required at both clubs and reserbations are encouraged. Call the officer's club at 448-4608, ext. 11 or the enlisted club at 449-1292.

Interested in becoming a child care provider?



Applicants must be base residents, 18 years old, a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a security check. A pre-licensing briefing is held on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the family child care office located adjacent to the auto resale lot in building 2116. Call FCC at 449-1879 for more information. People caring for other familis' children a total of 10 hours or more per week on base must be licensed.

Arts & Crafts Holiday sale

The Arts and Crafts Center has a great sale going on with gift ideas that should fit anyone's holiday list. The picture framing shop is offering 40 percent off all custom framing on orders of \$100 or more.

The crafts retail shop is offering all youth crafting kits at 25 percent off and the engraving shop is selling all sports related trophies for just \$8 each including custom graving.

Par 3 announces rate increase

The Hickam Par 3 Golf Course will be increasing its rates effective Jan. 1. The new rates are:

	Current price	Increased rate
E1 - E4	\$3.50	\$4
E5 +	\$5	\$5.50
DoD civilians	\$6	\$6.50
Civilians	\$8	\$8.50

Round cards will increas as follows:

	Current price	Increased rate
E1 - E4	\$70	\$85
E5 +	\$100	\$117
DoD civilians	\$120	\$140



Honolulu Marathon

Jason Vandenberg, 15th Services Squadron, runs during the Honolulu Marathon Sunday. Vandenberg was one of more than 50 Team Hickam members who participated in this year's Honolulu Marathon.

The following people were the top three in each category from Hickam.

Hickam women:

1. Amanda Preble, 17th Operational Weather Squadron, 4 hours 41 minutes 16 seconds
2. Nicola Craver, Pacific Air Intelligence Squadron, 4:43.27
3. Elba Parrish, Pacific Air Forces 5:52.20

Hickam men:

1. Jason Vandenberg, 15th SVS, 3 hours 8 minutes 20 seconds
2. Troy Engholm, PACAF, 3:13.33
3. Robert Swanson, PACAF, 3:25.01

Photo by Ed Foster



Football champs

Photo by Mark Bates

(Left) Claude Jennings, 15th Medical Group, prepares to throw the ball during the intramural flag football championship game Wednesday. The MDG beat Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron, 27-26. (Above) Feeling the heat from the 15th MDG, Mark Saunders laterals the ball to Stew Wilson.